

## Abstract

A plasma display panel in which a plurality of pairs of display  
5 electrodes extending in a row direction are aligned on a surface  
of a first substrate, a plurality of address electrodes extending  
in a column direction are disposed in a stripe pattern on a surface  
of a second substrate, the first and second substrates are disposed  
opposite each other so that the pairs of display electrodes and the  
10 address electrodes cross over sandwiching discharge space  
therebetween, and a discharge cell is formed corresponding to each  
crossover portion. The pairs of display electrodes are composed of  
a metallic material, each display electrode of each pair of display  
electrodes includes a base part extending in the row direction and  
15 a plurality of opposing parts extending from the base part into a  
discharge interval between the each pair of display electrodes. In  
each discharge cell, at least two discharge starting gaps are formed,  
each discharge starting gap existing between opposing parts that  
respectively belong each of the pair display electrodes and being  
20 at least partially over the address electrode. Discharge space exists  
between the each discharge starting gap and the address electrode,  
and peaks in electric field intensity are formed at each of the opposing  
parts.